



Use this guide to help sort your donated goods. Thank you for your generosity.

To streamline processing, maximize recycling (which we do not have), and help us reduce disposal costs, we kindly ask that you *choose the very best* of your items for our shop.

Separate housewares/hard-sided goods from clothing and linens. No used pet items, please.

- **Update:** we do not sell CD's, VHS tapes, nor DVD's. Please donate these to other shops.
- Help us by holding on to SEASONAL items until closer to that holiday. For example, donate Christmas in October or November, Valentines in December, etc.
- **Please be exceedingly brutal when sorting.** We are known for selling the very best in our shop, so inspect your HOUSEWARES and dispose of the following at home: anything chipped, discolored or stained, glasses with company logos, scratched nonstick/Teflon cookware, mugs with stains, scratches or cracks, cloudy glassware, disposable serving pieces, single glasses, or open packs of napkins\utensils\plates. *When in doubt, throw it out*, or consider St. Vincent de Paul, an excellent place to drop off your "second-tier" donations.
- **LINENS** should be clean and stain-free. Nothing yellowed, please.
- Discard **BOOKS** with the following at home: yellowed pages, dusty or mold covered, or rust marks. Some books just don't sell: textbooks (any kind), technology books more than a year old, yachting and financial **MAGAZINES**, and old *National Geographic* magazines. The exceptions to this are first editions, signed copies, and rare books. We sell magazines no more than two months old.
- **ELECTRONICS** need to be exceptionally clean and in good working order.
- Discard any **CLOTHING** with spots, underarm or neck stains, holes, or is pilling, yellowed or dingy. We say: **if you would not wear it, we cannot sell it!** Double check collars on men's dress shirts. Remove clothing from hangers and dispose of them at home. We no longer sell hangers.
- **VINTAGE CLOTHING** – items that are 30+ years old – are gratefully and enthusiastically accepted. Those pieces that might have blemishes will be evaluated by our Vintage team.
- **CHILDREN'S ITEMS**--We cannot sell children's car seats, bathtubs, walkers, or bouncy seats. There are many recalls on these items; we don't have resources to research them. Children's clothes should be in near-new condition.
- **TOYS, GAMES, and PUZZLES** should be complete and stuffed animals pristine! We do not sell used helmets, roller skates, skateboards, boogie boards, or ski equipment. We no longer accept golf clubs, nor golf bags or carts.
- **Medical** potty chairs, walkers and wheelchairs can no longer be sold in the shop.
- **FURNITURE** must be pre-approved. Please **email pictures** to thriftshop@ALLB.org.

We understand these guidelines might seem rigid, but we hope you'll appreciate knowing how to help run the cleanest, most successful thrift shop in Long Beach. If your neighbors give you donations, please pre-sort them according to these guidelines.

To minimize traffic in the alley behind our shop, be punctual, but not early, for your appointment. This helps both our Donation Center volunteers as well as those whose appointment follows yours.